## LEGENDS OF LADIES.

A DISCUSSION OF THE INFLUENCE OF BEAUTY ON THE TENDER PASSION.

Did the Devil Ever Choke the Life Out of a Beautiful Woman?-A Story Which Is Very Larid, to Say the Least-A Homely Woman Seen Through Love's Eyes. A discussion interesting to the ladies

is running through some of the French papers. Briefly stated, the question is do with the kindling of the tender passion. Handsome women say yes; homebeautiful, say no. In proof of the soundness of their platform, which rejects the plank of affection for leveliness only, the latter have uncarthed the musty old legend of the loves of Leile and Megnoun.

When the king of Persia heard of the smitten young man, he sent for him and asked him how it was that he had become so desperately speony. "In order to understand that," remy ladylove." "Well," said the king, "let's see the

Leile was brought before him. She was redheaded, scraggy, squint eyed, stump nosed and freekled face.

"A thousand blizzards!" roared his majesty. "Is this the object of your extraordinary ardor? Splinter my scep- and gave it another jerk. Once more ter! The meanest slave in my kitchen is better looking than she!" "Then judge how I must love her,"

said Megnoun, "since she is as beautiful in my eyes as she is homely in yours!" So far so good. But here comes the lurid legend of the famous Ninon do Lenclos. Ninon flourished during the

reigns of Louis XIV and Louis XV, and many enthusiastic descriptions have been given of her incomparable charms. Well, one fine day MHe, de Lenclos was quietly seated in her parlor when the servant came to amounce to her that a gentleman wished to see her, but that he would not give his name. She told the servant to say to the stranger could not see him. "I know very well," said the stran-

ger to the servant, "that mademoiselle is alone. Go back and tell her that I have a matter of the very highest importance to communicate to her." This strange reply tickled the curios-

ity of Mlle, de Lenclos. She gave orders to admit him. He appeared before her. He was a little old man, clad in black, with a sinister look. He wore a black skullcap and carried a little does, at 9 o'clock -that is, the lights black cane. His eyes were full of fire; but, after all, his features were intellectual.

"Mademoiselle," said be, "be good enough to send away your waiting maid. Nobody but you alone must hear what I have to reveal." Ninon was terrified at first, but at

presence of a little, decrept old man, she took courage and sent away the waiting maid.

"Don't let my visit frighten you." said the stranger. "It is true that I do not honor everybody in this way, but you have nothing to fear. You have before you a man who is obeyed, more or less, by all the world, and who can bestow at will all the gifts of nature. I was present at your birth. I fashion the fate of all human beings, and I have come here to learn from your own lips how I shall dispose of yours. I bring you the highest titles, enormous riches and an eternal beauty. Which will you have? Take your choice and rest assured that no mortal on earth has the power to give you so much."

"Really, sir," said the woman, laughing, "you are very kind, and the magnificence of your gifts is so great

"Mademoiselle," said he, interrupting her, "you have too much good sense to make fun of a man whom you do not know. Choosequickly. Which will you have—titles, riches or eternal beauty?" "My dear sir," said she, "there is no room for any hesitation over the good things that you offer me. I'll take eternal beauty. But what must I do to obtain this precious gift?"

"Mademoiselle," said the stranger, "you must write your name upon my tablets." And he presented to her an old blackened tablet, upon which she signed her name. Then he gave her a light tap of his black cane upon the left shoulder. "That will do now," he said. "You will be beautiful all through your life, and you will live for a long time. You will create passions at a period in. life when other women are in the horrors of decrepitude. You will never grow old. I give you the power to charm everybody. During 6,000 years 1 have traveled through the universe from one end to the other, and upon the earth I have only found four women who were worthy of this great privilege. They were Semiramis, Helen, Cleopatra and Diana de Poitiers. You are the fifth and the last to receive this gift. Ask me no question. You will see me again, once more only, and that will be when you shall have only three days more to live. Remember my name is Noctambule!"

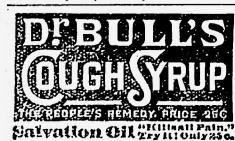
He disappeared, leaving Mlle, de Lenclos frightened almost out of her wits. The career of the wondrous beauty is too long to follow. It is enough to say that three days before her death Noctambule appeared before her, showed her her signature, and in a dreadful voice told her that she was captured; that she lived all her life under the power of Lucifer, and that her end was at hand. On the third day he came and choked her to death!

It is consoling to think that there is some doubt about the exact truth of this story. Indeed it is said that it goes back far beyond the birth of poor Ninon de Lenelos, and that it began with Louise de Budos, the second wife of Henry I, who died in 1599.—New York

Gathering wild fowls' eggs has long been a sport for boys living along the Atlantic coast of Maryland. The narrow reef that guards the eastern shore counties is a famous breeding place for many kinds of aquatic fowl, and their nests are frequently invaded and wantonly destroyed.

Among the Greek, Roman and other ancient nations titles were frequently conferred in memory of some achievement. Scipio Africanus, for instance, was so called from his conquest of Africa, and other illustrations are very numerous.

The title bailiff was formerly very honorable, and the official was vested with many important powers.



ROGUISH LITTLE MINCH. The Trick by Which the Famous Raco

Horse Got Ilis Name.

Many stories are told of Little Minch. the race horse, which indicate that he is a remarkably sagacious animal. Some would assert that he is capable of reasoning, but horse fanciers are liable to distort instinct and pure reguishness into reason and sagacity. It is said that while this son of Glenelg was being transported east after his sale as a yearling he was given a nickname by a railroad engineer that was subsequently applied to the horse, and under it he won whether or not beauty has anything to his laurels. Little Minch's car was attached to the front end of a passenger train, and the bellrope passed through ly ones, or, to be more correct, the less it, the same as it would through a passenger car. The horse was playful, and after several unsuccessful attempts to scize the rope in his teeth the spiteful little youngster finally got the cord and gave it a lusty jerk. The bell in the engine cab sounded, and the engineer, fear-

ing something was wrong back in the train, made haste to shut off steam and apply his airbrake. After coming to a stop he waited for the astonished trainmen to come up to his cab. They deplied Megnoun, "you would have to see | nied that any one had pulled the cord, and the engineer passed the occurrence with the remark, "Maybe the rope caught and tightened while we were going around a curve." But the mischief loving Little Minch was having a lot of fun in the car. No

sooner had the train got under headway again than he again seized the bellcord the engineer came to a stop, declaring that the bell ringing was the work of tramps, but a search for the ride stealers failed to reveal any, and the train proceeded. With almost human reguery Little Minch again seized the rope, but he was not content with one jerk, and the way he pulled that rope was a caution. The enraged engineer slipped back in time to see the horse tugging at the rope, which he had bitten in two by his efforts, as if his life depended upon his ability to tear it out of the train. "Oh, you little minch! So it was you, was it?" cried the engineer. And the horse stopped and hung his head much as a guilty boy would have done. The story was retold many times, that she was engaged with company and and the animal was named Little Minch.—Chicago Tribune,

> A Woodchepper's Vision. A chopper in the Kilkenny woods relates a story that he implicitly believes. This is his narrative: "I was at work for Van Dyke, at Connecticut Lake. The night was dark and rainy, and the wind howled and moaned in the tree tops. I went to bed, as the whole camp are blown out at that hour, as is the rule in camp. Directly opposite my bunk was a small window that one could see out. I could not sleep and kept rolling and tumbling.

"I think I must have got into a sleep, for I was awakened by a light shining into the window, and a woman's face last, remembering that she was in the appeared as if looking in. I am sure it was the countenance of my sister, who | side fidiculously inharmonious things. died in Quebec two years ago. Strange to say, I was not scared. The light disappeared, and then again it shone in. This time the woman's hand appeared at the window, beckoning me to come. I got up and pulled on my trousers and went to the door. By this time the wind had stopped blowing, the rain had ceased, and the moon shone through the

clouds at times. "Standing near the woodpile was my sister. I recognized her now. I stepped toward her, but she motioned me back, saying, 'Joe, don't work tomorrow,' and vanished. I saw no more of her that night. The next day I staid in camp, and before noon Bill was brought in dead. A limb had fallen and broken his skull. He and I worked together. My sister has come to save life once since. Boys, this is God's truth."-Manchester (N. H.) Union.

A Gallant Rescue. Here is a very charming cat and dog ctory for the truth and accuracy of which the proud inhabitants of the Swiss village where it occurred quite recently are, one and all, ready to vouch. A troublesome cat in the village had been doomed to a watery death, and the children of the owner had been told off to take it in a sack to the river Aar and there to drown it. The house dog accompanied the party to the execution, which was carried out according to parental instructions. But, much to the surprise of the inmates, a short time after the cat and dog, both soaking wet, reappeared together at their owner's

This is what had happened: The dog, on seeing that the sack containing the cat was thrown into the river, jumped after it, seized it with his teeth, dragged it to the bank, tore it open and restored his friend the cat to life and liberty. It goes without saying that the death warrant of the cat was destroyed after this marvelous escapade.—London Million.

A French scientist's plans for securing a wonderful yield of potatoes are as follows: He steeped his cuttings for 24 hours in a solution of 6 pounds of saltpeter, 6 pounds of sulphate of ammonia and 25 gallons of water. He next allowed them to drain a whole day in order that the eye buds might swell before planting. From potato cuttings treated in this manner and planted in the usual way he obtained a yield of 42 tons of potatoes to the acre.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Good Cause For Suspicion. "John," exclaimed the nervous weman, "do you think there is a burglar in the house?"

"Certainly not. Why, I haven't heard a sound all night. "That's just what alarms me. Any burglar who wasn't foolish would keep perfectly quiet so as not to excite our suspicions. Indeed, John, I do so wish you would get up and look through the house!"-Washington Star.

Ingalls' Speech Building. Ex-Senator Ingalls had a remarkable way of preparing his speeches, according to Frederick Haig, formerly his private secretary. He first dictated a speech very rapidly. Then he dictated another and altogether new speech on the same subject, and taking the typewritten copies of both

speeches he would cut, paste, erase and in-

terline until he had made one symmetrical and harmonious address out of the two. Professor Williams of Johns Hopkins university says that the practice of hazing at colleges is an ancient one. He came across an old rule at Heidelberg university, where he studied, printed in 1430, forbidding the practice by the older students of shaving the heads of the new students

and filling their ears with wax. A high stone wall shuts in the garden of Gray's Inn, London. The municipal authorities have ordered that the wall be removed and an open iron fence substituted in order that the passersby may enjoy the beauties of trees and flowers.

In 1866 an experimental cruise of all the ironclads in the British navy, 30 in number, was made during very rough weather to ascertain how they would behave during a storm. Result deemed successful.

CURIOUS CHINESE CUSTOMS.

Bride's Salutation to Her Husband Elect and His Response. A Chinese paper describes some annusing marriage customs. In a small mountain village between Kaga and Etchu the bride comes to the bridegroom's gate and bawls out to him, fiello, brother! I've come." To which the other replies, "Glad

you've come.'' The bride then appeals to him, You'll never forsako me?" And the bridegroom answers her,

We'll carn our living together." With these assurances the bride comes into the house, followed by a long protession of well wishers, old and young. Cheap, muddy sake is distributed to them, and they commence dancing and are not content until the floor gives way, when they clap their hands, crying, How auspicious!" and take their

At Kurita, in Echizen, the betrothal takes place when the parties are 8 or 9. The boy's parents and a deputation, numbering from five to fifteen, proceed to the girl's family, who, anticipating their coming, spread mats before the houses and await them. After the usual salutation the deputation present as a betrothal present pieces of hand woven cloth for cushions and at the same time praises the girl's family, who return the compliment with interest. Here the ceremony ends, and the deputation take their departure.

When the boy is 15 or thereabouts, he goes to stay with his betrothed's family and works like a menial at the house for a year, after which he is sent home in fine apparel. Soon after the girl comes to her lover's house, accompanied with rustic music and songs. The noise and bustle are as great as on the festival day of the tutelary god.

When the girl comes to the house, ushions made of the cloth given by her parents are piled one upon another for her to sit upon. On these cushions the thrice repeated exchange of the triple wine cups, the most important ceremony at a wedding, takes place.

Stringing Victores, The one thing that is unforgivable in picture hanging is to string them along the walls in a line. Their loneliness is pitiable. Next to that crime is the one of arranging exactly symmetrical groups, suggestive of nothing so much as a lesson in geometry. Group pictures, group them gracefully, but den't. when one has succeeded in making a graceful bunch on one side of the fireplace, reproduce it exactly on the other

According to one who speaks with the emphasis of authority, delicately framed water colors are the only proper things for the drawing room, magnificent oils for the library and hall, and etchings and engravings for the dining room. Meantime those who do as they please will continue to hang their etchings, water colors and oils exactly where they will gain most pleasure from them, taking care only not to place side by

The smaller the picture, or the more full of detail, the nearer the level of the eye it should hang. Sometimes two parallel wires are brought straight up to separate hooks on the picture molding, but generally the old fashioned angle of wire is made. Gold and silver wires are generally used, but it is said that small steel and iron chains are to be used this winter for hanging dark framed engravings and etchings. Some of the daintier pictures, instead of being hung from the moldings, have wires stretched tightly across the back and are caught invisibly on small screws.-

New York Journal. A Servant's Instructions. The following rules of conduct for servants are said to be found in a Liv-

erpool household: Servants who have the good fortune to reside in my house must co-operate with the following rules:

They must be up punctually at 6. Have all meals punctually to time. Must be clean and tidy in their perons, and at their work must not be

spoken to. Must not speak at the doors to any of the tradespeople. Must not sing.

Must not wear heavy boots. Must close doors quietly.

Must stand meekly while being re-Must not answer back.

Must be obliging and cheerful. Must be willing to stay in any Sunlay or day out when required, and when isked to do anything to do it quickly

and well and show no impatience or il emper, as Mr. —— hates that. Must put up with fault finding and complaining whenever Mr. —— wishes

o fault find or complain. Mr. -- likes to be called at 7. lakes tea at 20 past 7, towel at 20 to 8 and breakfast at 8 prompt, and will not wait a minute, and no nonsense. By order, Mr. ——.
—London Million.

Fact and Fiction. Burglars recently broke into a jewely store in New York and stole among other things a gold snuffbox that once belonged to Queen Isabella of Spain. The newspapers seriously announced hat the snuffbox was given to Queen Isabella by King Ferdinand in 1462. The longer we live the more we unlearn. We imagined that tobacco had something to do with snuff, and, as schoolboys were taught, that tobacco was not known in Europe till-many years after Ferdinand presented this snufibox to his queen.—Jewelers' Circular.

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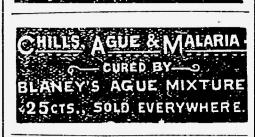
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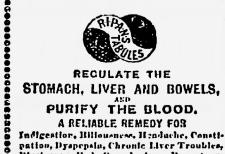
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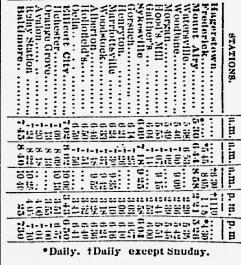
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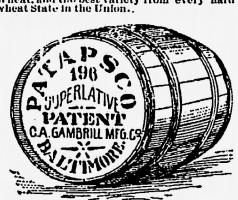
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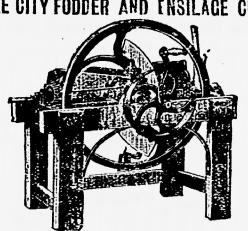
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